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1. On 9 February 1953 the East Berlin city administration ordered the "nationalization" of many private transport firms, which were then placed under trustees belonging to the SED. On the same day teams of 12 men each began to inspect the equipment of all private carriers.¹ The registration, and in some cases confiscation, of motor vehicles and the alerting of motor pools has been reported from the Russian zone.
2. On 20 February it was announced at a conference for the discussion of timetable matters that no express trains will operate in Berlin after a new timetable goes into effect in May 1953.

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Comment. These measures are designed to make available the motor vehicles which would be required in the event of the isolation of West Berlin from the rest of the city. The present carrying capacity of the North Ring around Berlin is inadequate for the heavy traffic of workers at Hennigsdorf and Pankow during rush hours.

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